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LARGE CROWDS GREET WILSON

WHO IS EN ROUTE TO CINCINNATI TO SPEAK TODAY

WILL OPEN "BIG DRIVE"

MANY OF THE MEN GREETED HIM AS "EIGHT HOUR WILSON"

On Board President Wilson's Special Train, Martinsburg, W. Va., Oct. 25.—President Wilson is traveling towards Ohio tonight on his third and final Middle Western trip of the campaign. He is due to arrive in Cincinnati at 11:30 tomorrow morning for three and perhaps four addresses.

The visit to Ohio will mark the opening of the "big drive" planned by Democratic campaign managers for the last two weeks of the campaign. Encouraged by optimistic reports, the president plans to see as many people as possible in Cincinnati and during his ride through the State in the morning. He shook hands with crowds today at Philadelphia and during two brief stops in Baltimore.

Many of the men who greeted him were railroad employees, and several times they called him "Eight Hour Wilson."

In Cincinnati Mr. Wilson will speak at a reception of the Chamber of Commerce, probably at a lunch at the Women's City Club, at a dinner at the Business Men's Club and in the evening at a meeting at the Music Hall.

McKELLAR PREDICTS DEMOCRATIC TRIUMPH

Says President and State Ticket Will Win Decisively, If the Voters Do Their Duty

Only one shadow lies athwart the radiant prospects for Democracy in Tennessee in the opinion of Congressman K. D. McKellar, Democratic nominee for United States senator from this state.

"And that is the danger that supreme confidence in the success of the ticket may lull Democrats into a false sense of security and cause the men to neglect the duty of voting Nov. 7," he said last night.

Congressman McKellar came to Memphis Sunday for a brief rest from the labor of campaigning, for a conference with his friends and a few hours with relatives. He leaves early this morning for Bolivar, where he speaks today. Tonight he will be at Whiteville and tomorrow at Somerville.

"The outlook for the re-election of President Wilson is fine," declared the congressman. "Indeed, it now seems that he is certain to win. The poll of the New York Herald, published this morning in the Commercial Appeal, shows that the drift is toward the president, and I have every confidence that he will win. Tennessee will give him an enormous majority if all the Democrats will go to the polls."

"In regard to the state situation, Democrats are united everywhere. Factionalism has almost disappeared. There now are no regulars and no independents. All are just plain Democrats."

"The whole ticket will win by a large majority if Democrats will only go out and vote. It generally is believed that the result is a certainty. The only possible danger is that some Democrats may feel so certain of the outcome that they may not think it necessary to vote. Every Democrat, therefore, must be on guard. He must see to it not only that he votes himself, but that his friend and neighbor also does. Unceasing vigilance must be the word if we are to achieve the success that is within our grasp."—Commercial Appeal.

SKELTON OF SOLDIER FOUND AT CHATTANOOGA

Chattanooga, Oct. 25.—Workmen digging in an old trench on the battlefield of Missionary Ridge today uncovered a skeleton, perfect preserved, presumably the bones of one of the trench defenders who fell when the wave of war swept over the ridge 53 years ago.

The skull has a bullet hole in it. There is nothing to indicate whether the man was a confederate or union soldier. An inquest will be held tomorrow to try to supply evidence and burial will be either in the Confederate or national cemetery. The discovery was made in excavations for a new home on the site of the old rampart, not far from the Ohio's monument.

THE COMET FOR JOB WORK
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MEETING IN INTEREST OF KINGSFORD PACKING PLANT

Farmers of Scott County Taking Means to Secure the Best Prices For Their Cattle

A meeting of the farmers of the county was held at the Court House on Friday, October 6, to meet a committee representing the Kingsford Packing House organized by the farmers for the purpose of buying and packing at home the thousands of hogs, sheep and cattle of East Tennessee and South West Virginia now being shipped and sold in the open markets without any means of protecting prices.

When called to order by Mr. John Henry Johnson who explained its object and he was unanimously elected chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Geo. A. Anderson, secretary. Mr. Johnson introduced Mr. John W. Greer of Moultrie, Ga., where there is in successful operation a packing plant organized by the farmers for their protection. Mr. Greer in a clear businesslike manner explained the plan of organization and operation of their plant at Moultrie which, although only in operation for two years, had been a great success from the start, and according to a regular and staple market for all the live stock raised in that section at good prices and earned more than twenty-five cents upon the stock subscribed by the farmers in the two years it had been in operation. He stated that although recently patronized by all the stock raisers within a radius of one hundred miles could not supply half the demand for its products. He was listened to with close attention and his speech convinced his hearers with the soundness of the proposition he discussed. The chairman then introduced Mr. J. Fred Johnson, of Kingsport, who further explained the proposition in a clear and businesslike manner. He said he was in charge of the large country of land lying adjacent to Kingsport and had found by experience that he was unable to realize the price for live stock that should be paid therefore by shipping upon the open market, and had determined to make an effort to increase the receipts for the owners or abandon the stock business, that after giving the matter much thought he came to the conclusion that this could be accomplished by getting the farmers together and interested in a packing house.

After talking the matter over with a number of farmers he organized a party of several farmers to visit the plant at Moultrie, Ga., and ascertain what it was doing and how it was organized with the result that he found it was a great success and ever after he met very enthusiastically about it. The plant at Moultrie, was established and is owned by farmers, not a small per cent being held by the people of the town.

Mr. Sam Miller, of Hawkins county, was then called upon and made a clear sensible talk giving the reasons and had induced him to subscribe and become interested in the plant.

Gen. Rufus A. Ayers, a visitor to the Scott County Fair, being present was called by the meeting for a talk and came forward saying: "I thought that the last man the farmers wanted to hear was a lawyer," but said during his five his experience and been very much diversified and he had very decided views in regard to the question under consideration and had enjoyed the talks of the gentlemen who had preceded him. That he had given the same project now advocated support for several years. That he was absolutely certain it could prove a success. He said that taking the section from Pechonotas to the center of Lee county there were non-producing men in the cities and upon the coke ovens that consumed every year ten times the product that could be handled by a One Hundred Thousand Plant, to say nothing of the large manufacturing establishments all along the railroad within any distance. He explained that as packers of Chicago and Jersey City purchased the live stock shipped by the farmers practically dictating the price after paying heavy freight rates upon the shipments; then they slaughter and pack the meat, place it in a high cost refrigerator cars mark up a good profit and ship it back here to be consumed at our doors. He said that the cost of shipping the live stock out and the slaughtered product back would be an enormous profit to the home plant and that it could afford to pay the farmers a much higher price than they now receive for stock, and then successfully compete with and keep our Chicago and New Jersey establishments because of the enormous consumption with short hauls and low freight and obnoxious rates. A number of substantial subscriptions to the stock were made by those present, and B. F. Johnson, J.

GEN. VILLA TRAPS SOLDIERS

CAPTURED ELEVEN TRAINS OF SUPPLIES AND TROOPS

IS NEAR CHIHUAHUA CITY

CARRANZA SOLDIERS ATTACKED FROM FRONT AND REAR

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 24.—Government Agents here claim to have received additional confirmation of Villa's reported defeat of Gen. Ozuna's column at Palomas, west of Chihuahua City Friday. The confirmation is said to have come from refugees reaching the border from Chihuahua City who claim that Villa captured Gen. Ozuna's eleven troop and supply trains, carrying ammunition, arms, machine guns and supplies.

The refugees claim to have talked with survivors of Ozuna's column who said Villa led the Carranza troops into a trap at Palomas, then attacked from the front, flank and rear and cut the railroad line behind the trains. The same source claims 250 Carranza soldiers were killed and an equal number taken prisoners.

The refugees claim to have seen Villa's camp fires six miles west of Chihuahua City Sunday night.

It is stated that Villa received a large amount of arms and ammunition stolen from the government arsenals by agents serving in the Carranza army.

G. S. STOKELEY AND MOTHER KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

At Newport When Strung of Freight Cars Struck Their Machine on Southern Railway Tracks

Newport, Oct. 24.—Mrs. Anna R. Stokeley, aged 65, and George S. Stokeley, aged 32, her son, were instantly killed when their automobile was struck by a train of freight cars at the Main street crossing of the Southern Railway here about 5:40 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Fred Fisher and Miss Carrie Lou Stokeley, daughters of Mrs. Anna R. Stokeley, who occupied the rear seat, leaped out of the car just as it was struck and escaped without injury.

The car was driven by George S. Stokeley and just as the crossing was reached the engine "went dead," and before it could be started the automobile was struck by the freight cars, backed by a yard engine. The car was knocked fully twenty yards down the track and the gasoline tank exploded, starting a fire that completely destroyed the machine. George S. Stokeley was thrown from the automobile by the force of the collision and fell beneath the wheels of the train. His neck was broken and his right leg severed from the body. Mrs. Stokeley remained in the car and was burned severely before she could be rescued. She lived only a few minutes and did not regain consciousness.

Mrs. Stokeley was the widow of the late John B. Stokeley, one of the most prominent farmers in East Tennessee, while George S. Stokeley was the junior member of the firm of Stokeley Bros., who operate a large cannery factory here. He was one of the best known and most successful business men in this section.

MURPHY HORNER FOUND DEAD IN HAWKINS CO.

Rogersville, Oct. 24.—Murphy Horner, a well known citizen of this county, was found dead Saturday evening on Charles M. Smith's farm near Rogersville. For some time Mr. Horner had been suffering with heart trouble and the coroner's examination showed this to have caused his death.

He was last seen alive Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when he left the train at the river, after being in Rogersville some time finishing up a building contract here. He was on his way to his home at St. Clair and was evidently taking a short cut through a woodland when death overtook him.

L. Moore, J. M. Johnson, J. P. Sutton were appointed a committee to further interest the farmers of the county in the movement and solicit subscriptions. It was stated that about one half of the capital had been subscribed and it would be very easy to secure it all, but the organizers wanted the plant owned and controlled by the farmers and run in their interest. Gen. Ayers said: "Mark what I say, within two years you can not buy a share of the stock at two for one."

SAYS MILLING INTERESTS CLEANED UP \$60,000,000

Chicago, Oct. 23.—Charges that the milling interests have made an excess profit of \$60,000,000 by using rejected wheat and wheat below milling grade while charging consumers for flour based on the best grades of wheat, were made today by Miss Florence King of the Woman's Association of Commerce in a complaint filed with United States District Attorney Clynne. Miss King will seek to have federal inspection of grain provided in a recent act of congress apply to this year's wheat crop.

HUGHES AND T. R. FOR WAR, SAYS McADOO

Mansfield, O., Oct. 23.—William G. McAdoo secretary of the treasury, in a speech delivered before a large audience here tonight, declared that both Mr. Hughes and Colonel Roosevelt, under the pressure of insistent questioning, have admitted that had either been president at the time the Lusitania was sunk, each would have taken a course which would have brought on war between the United States and Germany. "Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Hughes are in complete accord," said Secretary McAdoo. "Each would have brought on war with Germany immediately after the sinking of the Lusitania. They differ, if they differ at all, only in method. Mr. Roosevelt would have begun by act of aggression—seizing the ships of German citizens lying in our harbors and Mr. Hughes would have begun by immediate breaking off of diplomatic relations."

"Neither Mr. Roosevelt nor Mr. Hughes would have attempted first to adjust the difficulty peacefully and honorably through the channels of diplomacy as President Wilson did."

FREIGHT RATES WERE UPHeld

To and From Copper Hill, With Few Exceptions, by Interstate Commerce Commission

Washington, Oct. 23.—The rates of the Southern and other railways to and from Copper Hill, Tenn., contested by the Tennessee Copper company, were upheld today with few exceptions by the Interstate Commerce commission. The commission held the contested rates on carload sheet lead to Copper Hill, nitra of soda from Charleston and Savannah to Copper Hill, pig lead in carloads from Copper Hill to Atlanta, is excessive. The rate is \$6.50 and the commission says it should not be more than \$4.50 a net ton.

The nitra of soda traffic to the Copper Hill smelters from Charleston and Savannah, is held unreasonable and should not exceed \$3.95 per ton, instead of the present rate of \$4.25 a ton. The same traffic from Pensacola and New Orleans is permitted the existing rates as reasonable.

AMERICANS WANT VILLA DRIVEN FROM BORDER

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 18.—Supplemental assurances from Gen. Carranza that he is beginning a new and vigorous campaign against Villa were received today by his representatives on the Mexican-American joint commission. The general asserted all available troops would be used in the pursuit of the bandit.

The American commissioners reviewed the joint session a carefully prepared statement of the Mexican claims as to conditions as well as proposals for restoration and maintenance of peace along the frontier. This statement also included arguments designed to show why the American troops should be withdrawn from Chihuahua.

The Mexicans insist they are capable of driving Villa and other outlaws from the border, but the Americans' attitude is that they must demonstrate ability to do that and also to maintain effective government in the interior.

TEMPERANCE RALLY TO MARK SALOONS PASSING

Bristol, Va., Oct. 26.—The passing of the saloons of Bristol, Va., will be marked next Tuesday by a temperance rally at the State Street M. E. church, South. The rally will be held under the auspices of the young people's societies of the city.

A committee has been selected composed of one member from each society, with A. P. Harmon as chairman and Irbv Rutherford secretary. An attractive program has been arranged. Rev. J. A. Baylor, D. D., of Knoxville, will deliver the principal address. There will be other addresses and special music.

LASTING PEACE IN THE WORLD

MUST COME FROM THIS WAR SAYS VISCOUNT GREY

ALLIES NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS PEACE TERMS WELCOMES EFFORTS BY NEUTRALS

London, Oct. 23.—An important contribution to the discussions on peace was made by Viscount Grey, at a lunch given today by the foreign press association, when the foreign secretary, after making it plain that the allies were not prepared to discuss peace terms, said he welcomed any efforts by neutral countries for a combination to prevent future wars. Diplomatic representatives of all the allied countries were present.

Some of the most important passages of the secretary's speech follow.

"I would like to talk, not, indeed, about actual conditions of peace, which can only be stated and formulated by the allies together, and not by anyone of them separately, but about the general objects which the allies must secure in this war. And to do that I would ask you to recall that we must never forget how the war came about. If we are to approach peace in a proper spirit it can only be by recollecting and recalling and never for a moment forgetting, what was the real cause of the war."

"Some people say: 'Oh, we need not go back over that old ground now; everybody knows it.'"

"You can not go back to it too often; it accretes the conditions of peace. Germany talks of peace; her statesmen talk of peace today. They say: Germany must have guarantee against being attacked again."

"If this war had been forced upon Germany that would be a logical guarantee. But it was not forced upon Germany; it was forced by Germany upon Europe that it is the allies who must have guarantees for future peace."

"In July, 1914, no one thought of attacking Germany. It is said that Russia was the first to mobilize. That I understand, is what is represented in Germany as justification for the statement that the war was not an aggressive war on Germany's part, but was forced upon her."

"Russia never made the mobilization of which Germany has complained, until after Germany refused a conference, and never made it until after the report appeared in Germany that Germany had ordered mobilization and that report had been telegraphed to Petrograd."

"The whole plan of campaign of the German state was to attack through Belgium, and now it is represented that they had to attack through Belgium because other people had planned to attack through Belgium. I would like nothing better than to see those statements that Russia's mobilization was an aggressive one and that other powers, any other power, had trafficked in the neutrality of Belgium or planned an attack through Belgium—I would like to see those statements investigated before any independent, impartial tribunal."

"German organization is very successful in preventing the truth from reaching their people and in presenting to them a point of view which is not that of truth."

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH APPOINTS COMMISSIONERS

Who Will Take the Vote of Pennsylvania Militiamen Who Are Now on Border Duty in Texas

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 24.—Seventeen commissioners appointed by Governor Brumbaugh to take the vote of the 10,000 Pennsylvania national guardsmen on the Mexican border on November 7, took the oath of office Tuesday and prepared to leave for Texas. One commissioner is assigned to each of the seventeen commands in the field. The vote will be taken under laws enacted prior to the presidential election of 1864, when tens of thousands of Pennsylvania soldiers were in the field.

No provision has been made for wiring the returns from the borders and official results will not be known until the returns are received by mail or brought home by the commissioners. Contests in several congressional districts are expected to be close and the exact standing of Pennsylvania's delegation in congress may not be definitely known until after the soldier vote is received.

GARDNER AND HUGHES AT KINGSFORD

Hughes and Fairbanks Club Organized With 400 Members.

Senator J. R. Gardner and A. D. Hughes, of Johnson City, made speeches in the interest of the republican ticket. They spoke to a crowded house. After the speaking a Hughes and Fairbanks club was organized and 400 members enrolled.

H. S. Angle, one of the officials of the cement plant, was elected president of the club and Dr. Yonkley, secretary and Mr. Neil treasurer.

This is a great industrial and manufacturing center and many were turned away from the speaking. East Tennessee is going to do her duty by the entire republican ticket on November 7.

MISSOURI COUPLE ARE MARRIED BY TELEGRAPH

Bridegroom a Soldier On the Texas Border; Bride Was in Her Town of Butler, Missouri

Laredo, Texas, Oct. 24.—Over 1200 miles of telegraph wire and performed through proxies in the persons of two telegraph operators, Private Bryon J. Linhart, B company, Second Missouri infantry, stationed here, and Miss Ruby Swartz, in her home town of Butler, Mo., were married tonight according to the rites of the Episcopal church.

Preliminary to the wedding the officiating clergymen in Laredo and Butler entered into a telegraphic conversation to ascertain the official standing of each other in the church and their authority to perform the ceremony.

Linhart, accompanied by the Rev. C. W. Cook, appeared at the office of the Western Union Telegraph company at eight o'clock tonight for the unique ceremony. At the same hour Miss Swartz, accompanied by Rev. E. M. Talbot and Mrs. Captain Edward S. Clark, the bridesmaid, arrived at the telegraph office in Butler. The telegraph operators handled messages direct between the two places embodying the full marriage ceremony of the Episcopal church.

Both bride and groom signified their acceptance of each other as life partners. After the telegraphic ceremony Linhart was "waylaid" and pelted with rice by his brother guardsmen here and later in the evening was charivariated by a brass band from one of the Missouri regiments. Linhart stated tonight no arrangements had been made as yet for a honeymoon.

BRISTOL BOARD OF TRADE ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Bristol, Tenn., Oct. 24.—J. D. Fayette, a prominent and successful wholesale merchant of Bristol and one of the leading spirits of the Bristol Credits Men's association, has accepted the presidency of the Bristol board of trade. Before accepting, he made it clear that under no circumstances would he serve if the board of trade office should be kept open for business on Sunday. He further requested that no meetings be held on Wednesday night for the reason that that is the general prayer meeting night of each week. The board of directors heartily concurred in his view.

The directors re-elected N. B. Remine as secretary of the organization, a position which he has held for 3 years, and which he held for four or five years in the earlier history of the organization. The secretary's report was heartily commended and was ordered published in the local press and in pamphlet form.

TRABUE'S TRIAL OPENS TUESDAY IN NASHVILLE

Slayer of Harry Stokes to be Arraigned—Strong Array of Attorneys Have Been Engaged

Nashville, Oct. 24.—Charles C. Trabue, who shot and killed Harry Stokes in the latter's office in the American National bank building last April, will be tried in criminal court next week, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 31. Subpoenas were issued today for the witnesses for both the state and the defense and during the next few days will be served by officers of the court. More than one hundred witnesses will be subpoenaed. The jury commission will draw the extra jury panel which will be required. Between five hundred and one thousand names will be drawn for the first panel.

Attorneys for both side are of the opinion that the jury will be drawn within three days and if no longer is required the first panel will be sufficient, it is thought. The state will have six challenges under the law and the defense is entitled to fifteen.

CARRANZA TO FLEE MEXICO

CHARGES TO THAT EFFECT MADE BY HIS OPPONENTS

DEPARTURE OF FAMILY CONSTRUED AS SIGN OF WEAKNESS OF PRESIDENT

Washington, Oct. 24.—Charges that General Carranza is preparing to leave Mexico are being freely made by his political opponents in Mexico City. They are based upon his decision to leave his capital for Queretaro, and the fact that Mrs. Carranza also already has crossed into the United States accompanied by the wife of her husband's war minister and chief supporter, Gen. Obregon.

Information to this effect is reaching officials here from various reliable sources. So far nothing tangible tending to support the story has come through official channels. It is known, however, that many officials here believe Gen. Carranza has committed a political blunder at least, if he is not in fact preparing for flight, by permitting his family to leave Mexico just at this time. The trip, they say, was certain to be construed by his enemies as a confession of weakness.

The purpose of the visit of Mrs. Carranza and Mrs. Obregon, as explained at the Mexican embassy, is for a tour of the United States. Word of the arrival at the border also of Mrs. Jacinta Trevino, wife of the military commander of Chihuahua state, had not been received tonight. It was pointed out, however, that Trevino has been among Carranza's staunchest supporters and that if the first chief believed his hold on the political situation was weakening Trevino very probably would be warned in order that he might also place his family in safety.

The state department has not received tonight word that Generals Carranza and Obregon had left Mexico City for Queretaro. Previous advice, however, said that the first chief would go to that place in connection with the meeting of the constitutional convention for which delegates were elected last week. This is the only explanation obtainable here for Carranza's departure from his capital.

Persistent reports that Carranza was about to leave Mexico have been in circulation along the border for some time. It is not known that the American military authorities have been able to gather any definite information in this regard outside of the coming of Mrs. Carranza and Mrs. Obregon. Many war department officials have privately expressed their conviction, however, that the defacto government, or at least Gen. Carranza's personal control of the political situation, was growing steadily weaker. They have anticipated that the time might come soon when he would be forced to leave Mexico.

The main point urged by General Carranza in asking for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico was that their presence on Mexican soil was not understood by the Mexican people and hindered his efforts to establish civil government. The Mexican commissioners at Atlantic City have presented this view to their American colleagues but so far have not succeeded in convincing the Americans of the ability of their government to protect American border life and property should the troops be withdrawn.

While official reports on progress from Atlantic City are closely guarded, it has become increasingly apparent here that the continuance of disturbed conditions throughout Mexico is operating against the commissioners in their efforts to reach a solution of the border problem.

BRISTOL METHODISTS WELCOME NEW PASTORS

Bristol, Tenn., Oct. 24.—Bristol Methodists have welcomed two new pastors this week. The Rev. J. C. Orr, a veteran pastor of the conference, succeeded the Rev. J. Stewart French, D. D., as pastor of State street Methodist church, while the Rev. N. H. Vaughter succeeded the Rev. Thomas B. Handy as pastor of Mary street Methodist church. These ministers preached to large congregations on Sunday, and each was given a most cordial and enthusiastic welcome.

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